

On page 3, line 9, in the Kontsek reference, please insert volume - 11 -.

On page 3, line 10, delete "73-82" and insert - 327-332 -.

On page 4, line 1, delete "1273078" and insert - 1273-1279 -.

On page 4, line 2, delete "Faerkkilae" and insert - Farkkila -; delete "69" and insert - 87 -; delete "184-185" and insert - 325-328 -; delete "1985" and insert - 1993 -.

On page 32, line 15, delete "Somparyrac" and insert - Sompayrac -; delete "12" and insert - 78 -.

On page 34, line 20, delete "Rupert" and insert - Ruppert -.

On page 36, line 12, delete "4.3.1-4.3.29" and insert - 4.3.1-4.3.28 -.

On page 38, line 19, delete "95-3-9" and insert - 9503-9509 -.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel Claims 1-15 without prejudice.

REMARKS

In the Office Action mailed March 27, 2000, the Examiner set forth a restriction requirement under 35 U.S.C. Section 121 requiring the claims pending in the application be restricted to one of two groups (Groups I-II). Applicants hereby elect to prosecute in the present application the claims drawn to the subject matter of group II; claims 16 and 17. Claims 1-15 have been canceled without prejudice (as shown in the amendment above) as being directed to embodiments of the non-elected invention.

In the amendment above, the specification has also been amended to correct certain inadvertent typographical errors in some of the reference

citations in the specification.

In accordance with Applicants' duty of disclosure, the Examiner is hereby advised of Applicants' co-pending application serial nos. 09/206,903; 09/206,936; and 09/202,122. A restriction requirement which differs from the above restriction requirement in the instant application has been issued in co-pending application no. 09/202,122.

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